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In re

U.S. Application of: Masahito NIIKAWA and Hiroaki KUBO  
For: DRIVING DEVICE AND INFORMATION  
PROCESSING DEVICE FOR A DATA  
STORAGE MEDIUM  
U.S. Serial No. 09/528,356 ✓  
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

No representation is made, and no representation is intended, that more relevant material does not exist, or that the order of presentation of this material in any way reflects its relative pertinence.

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The references cited below are not intended to constitute an admission of any kind. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application.

(1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/527,354, filed March 17, 2000, by Masahito Niikawa, Hiroaki Kubo and Naoki Masazumi, and entitled "Data Storage Medium and Driving Method and Device Thereof".

(2) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/527,350, filed March 17, 2000, by Masahito Niikawa, Naoki Masazumi, Kiyofumi Hashimoto and Yasuhiro Morimoto, and entitled "Electronic Information Device and Control Method Thereof".

(3) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/528,927, filed March 20, 2000, by Yasuhiro Morimoto and Masahito Niikawa, and entitled "Information Display System, Digital Camera and Storage Medium Provided Therein".

(4) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/528,607, filed March 20, 2000, by Masahito Niikawa, Yasuhiro Morimoto, Katsuhiko Asai and Naoki Masazumi, and entitled "Digital Camera With a Live View Display".

Each of applications (1)-(4) contains Figures 1-35, which are believed to be identical to Figures 1-35 of the present application, and a detailed description of Figures 1-35, which is believed to be

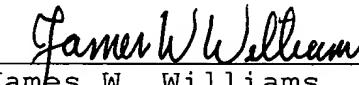
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identical to the detailed description of Figures 1-35 of the present application.

Each of the inventions of applications (1)-(4) and the present application were owned by, or subject to an obligation of an assignment to, Minolta Co., Ltd. at the time the respective invention was made.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Office Action, no fee is incurred. However, if it should be determined that a fee is required, please charge any required fee (other than the issue fee) during the pendency of this application to Sidley & Austin's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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